GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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YOUTH HOSTELS IN STATES
ANANDRAO ADSUL;ANANTA NAYAK;DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up youth hostels in joint ventures with State Governments in every district headquarter of the country including Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the cost sharing ratio between the Union Government and the State Governments for setting up of such hostels;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to bear the larger portion of the expenditure in this regard so as to lighten the burden of State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which such hostels are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) : No Sir, there is no proposal to set up youth hostels in every district headquarters in the country. Construction of Youth Hostels is not made on the basis of cost sharing between the Central and State Govt.It is a joint venture between the Central Govt. and the State Govt. While the State Govt. provides fully developed land free of cost with approach road, boundary wall, with a provision for electricity and water, the Central Govt. bears the entire cost of construction of the hostel buildings. A Youth Hostel in Bilaspur (H.P.) is already functioning.